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By Order of the Board of Directors, R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1881. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Board of Directors R. COOKE,

Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 30th August, 1881.

TTONGKONG AND WHAMPOA II DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

During my absence from Hongkong, THE Undersigned have been ap-Mr. EOBERT COOKE will act as Secretary.

By Order of the Board, D. GILLIES,

Secretary. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender. Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licences direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th August, 1881.

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Reed's Engineer's Handbook. Home Book-A Domestic Cyclopedia. The Peking Gazette, 1880 (translation).

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Dictionary of Poetical Quotations. Fern Paradise-Heath. Injurious Insects and methods of pre-

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Mongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1881.

Both our contemporaries have lashed out in vigorous style at the Hon. P. Ryrie for his remarks at the recent meeting of the Legislative Council on the subject of newspaper reporting. The morning paper is far more temperate in its comments on the honourable gentleman's references to what has undoubtedly become a crying evil in other places besides the Council Chamber, than the evening journal, but that can be easily understood as the China Mail is nothing if not abusive. The whole stock of scurrilous language in the Mail's somewhat extensive vocabulary will not, however, change public opinion on a question which for a considerable time past has been common talk | tually said. Whether these inaccuthroughout the colony. It is only a | racies have been owing to the differfew days ago since we had to write | ence between "first person" report in emphatic language on several and one, slightly condensed, written glaring instances, which we men- in the third person "we hardly care tioned in detail, of gross misrepresentations in the evening paper, of His Excellency the Governor's public | ences from well known facts." utterances. And now Mr. Ryrie comes publicly forward, and, in most temperate language, points out that there is great room for improvement in what has been erroneously regarded as verbatim reporting, and as a solution of the difficulty, recommends the appointment of an official reporter, whose reports can be relied on as authentic records of what actually transpires at Council meetings.

public attack upon the short-hand writers of the Press is not borne out by facts. The senior unofficial member scrupulously avoided attacking anybody. "I have no wish," said Mr. Ryrie, "to say anything as to why the newspaper reports differ, but they do differ immensely, and I think there are other members who will agree with me in saying that they frequently in these reports see themselves put down as saying what they had not said. The papers might have their reasons for their inaccuracies, which it is not for me to go into. But this apart, I know as a member of the Council, that the reports have been inaccurate. therefore think that we are entitled to an official reporter, to whom we could refer, if the accuracy of any member is challenged." This is the

language used by the honourable must be taken with a very large almember, moderate in tone, in good | lowance of salt. taste, apparently intended to give cause for offence to no person, merely attack the Acting Chief-Justice? deemed it necessary to have attacked Mr. Ryrie for the above utterances, and to go out of its way to insult a gentleman who has probably done more for the best interests of Hongkong than any man living. Place for our virtuous contemporary:-

We do not hesitate to state that Mr. Ryrie, in saying this, proceeded from inferences to deliberate and damaging statements of a most ungenerous and uncalled-for nature: His object does not seem to be apparent-unless, indeed, he was merely acting under instructions; but even although Mr. Ryrie has of late years frequently acted in a way which would imply that he had entirely misconceived his representative duties, we would be slow to believe that he could so far forget himself as to ungenerously attack those to whom he has hitherto owed so much, even at the bidding of another. Although the public, whom the Senior Member is supposed to represent after a fashion, may have had cause to doubt whether he fully realizes his real position in Council, as an exponent of public opinion as well as a leading member of the community, it was hardly to be expected that he would have abandoned his listless attitude for the sole purpose of casting unjust aspersions upon the representatives of the press, with whom the hon, member should, had he been true to his representative capacity, have been in full accord. Had he been official record of proceedings for the archives of the Colony, what need was there to go out of his way to attack those through whom the Council's debates are conveyed to the public in a manner that is certainly creditable to this small Colony? The thing is altogether a puzzling psychological study entirely beyond our powers of comprehension, and we dare to say that the public generally must be equally in a mist as to what at all means. We cannot make out what the China Mail means by stating that Mr. Ryrie "proceeded from inferences to deliberate and damaging statements of a most ungenerous and uncalledfor nature." We will speak with sufficient clearness to prevent any misunderstanding as to our meaning, since our contemporary is so anxious for public notoriety. It is notorious that the so-called verbatim reports in the China Mail, especially with reference to the speeches of the Governor in Legislative Council, have day. been for months past wholly unreliable, in fact, gross misrepresentations of what His Excellency acto decide, in fact we leave the public to form; their own reasonable infer-

We should be glad to know where the "three or four shorthand writers attached to the two journals of the Colony and engaged on the service referred to" (i.e. verbatim reporting) are to be found. The Daily Press has on its staff a most efficient shorthand writer, and with the exception | and four members were told off for duty of the unfortunate inaccuracies referred to above, the sub-editor of the China Mail is doubtless as well up The assertion of the China Mail to his work. But where are the that Mr. Ryrie made an unjustifiable | three or four? We are informed by those who ought to know, that the latest addition to the Mail's reporting staff knows a little about shorthand, but is not a verbatim reporter. Like ourselves, the editors of our contemporaries may know a little about short-hand reporting, but hardly sufficient to entitle either of us to set up as professional reporters. We Haesan, Pichili, Gloniffer; at Amoy have no short-hand writer on our staff at present simply because the space at our disposal compels us to condense all lengthy speeches and reports, but as soon as our new plant arrives, which will enable us to lay before our readers and the public a newspaper equal to anything of the kind in the Far East, we shall be represented by a properly qualified with garden in Caine-road and 34 short-hand reporter of great experi- Chinese houses in Bridges-street, has

Why does not our contemporary recommending on good grounds an Mr. Snowden, following Mr. Ryrie, innovation which has much to com- | said that he thought it might permend it to public consideration. It haps be desirable to carry out the is difficult to understand why our hon member's suggestion so far as evening contemporary should have the debates in Council were concerned, although he considered that an official reporter for the law courts unnecessary. His lordship then paid the reporters a rather left-handed compliment by expressing his opinion that some of the reports were extremely good and accurate, and ascribed any inaccuracies to the defective acoustic properties of the Court and the indistinct utterances of the judges. Perhaps Mr. Snowden is quite correct in his opinions about the reporting in the law courts, as his experience is for more extensive than ours; but we do assert with some confidence, and our views are supported by many other gentlemen who were present, that the report of the recent libel case as published in the China Mail was grossly inaccurate, and garbled in a most unfair and unjournalistic style. As a matter of fact it was the report of a partisan, so totally different to what actually transpired in court that it was generally unrecognisable as a record of the proceedings. If a small report like this, where shorthand writing, we are now referring to the evidence, was not required, is merely actuated by a desire to obtain an so grossly inaccurate, the necessity for an official reporter whose accuracy can be guaranteed is plainly apparent. We are glad that His Excellency the Governor gave Mr. Ryrie's suggestion a favourable reception, and we feel assured that our opinion will be heartily endorsed by the whole community.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The band of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers discoursed an excellent programme of music to a goodly number of promenadors last night.

We would call the attention of our readers to the fact that the steamer Kinkiang will make an extra trip to Macao to-morrow (Sunday) at halfpast six o'clock a.m., instead of six o'clock as first announced, and will leave the Holy City at 10 p.m. same

The British steamer Conquest, Capt. Hamlin, which arrived here this morning from Haiphong, reports: -Left Haiphong 31st ult. at 5.30 a.m. and Hoihow on the 1st instant, at 7.40 a.m., and had light variable winds and fine weather throughout. The following steamers were in port at Hupliong: -Pingon, Himan, Him day t, Olympia, Nona, and Henri; at Hoihow, H.M.S. Magpie.

The Hongkong Humane Society met for practice with the apparatus the first time for the season on the Praya near the Cricket Ground last evening, when seven members mustered at 9.15 p.m. The apparatus was laid out for service on shore and three on Murray Wharf. The practice was gov through in a workmanlike manner, the only draw-Lack being the want of the necessary number of hands.

The British steamer Thales, Captain Pocock, from the Coast, reports: -Left Foochow on the 30th ult., Amoy 31st, and Swatow 1st inst. From Foodlow to Swatow experienced light southedly winds and fine weather, thence to port, Northerly airs and calms. Weather fine. Steamers in port at Foochow. steamers Paladin and Palchoi; at Swatow, H.M.S. Sheldrake, steamers Miramar and Oheang-Hock-Kian.

The sale of house-property seems to be continued on a great scale, and quite recently several large lots have changed owners. We are informed by a broker that a large property, consisting of the house occupied by Dr. Ayres, ence. The "three or four" short- been sold for \$132,000; a lot, including hand reporters of the China Mail | the premises lately known as Pustau's,

and occupied by McEwen, Frickel and Driscoll, \$305,000; the Roman Catholic Cathodral, \$100,000; 17 shops on Praya West, with seven godowns at the back (Lots 204 and 205) \$284,000; Alexandra Terrace and six small bungalows, \$86,000; Melchers and Co.'s promises, Praya Central, *\$*150,000.

Sir Algernon Borthwick, proprietor of the well-known fashionable London daily, the Morning Post, of Bend Or libel celebrity, has lately reduced the price of the paper to one penny. Our old friend Punch has immortalised this revolutionary movement in the following poetic strain :--

THE PENNY "POST."

FROM JEAMES'S POINT OF VIEW. Sir Halgernon! Sir Halgernon! I can't believe it's They say the Post's a pouny now, and all along of The paper which was once the pride of all the Swells Now like a common print is sold for just a wulgar

It's very well for Standards and for Telegraphs and To sell for pennies to the folks as goes outside a buss; But them as rides in carridges did always use to They took a more expensive print-the genteel

All fashionable noos was there delightin' you and With sometimes verses by a Lord-his name was And Master Jenkins did his best to keep it com-il-fo; But what on earth can we read now? that's what I want to know!

These social dimmocrats will find as Lords is up to They won't go and domean thomselves with buying Why even Licensed Wittlers beats the Peerage new, they 'll say, They have an orgin of their own that's thruppence overy day!

We have much pleasure in appending the following description of the race for the Goodwood Cap. Our observations on this event in our issue of the 20th ult., when the bare 1,2,3 reached us by wire, have proved strangely prophetic:—

The Goodwood Cup, value 300 sovs, added to a subscription of 20 sovs each, h ft; weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Two miles and a half, 17 subs.

Mr. C. Perkin's b m Madame du Barry, by Favonius-Strategy, 6 yrs, 8st 11lbJ. Snowden 1 Mr. Craven's b h Nottingham, by Winslow-Belle of Kars, 5 yrs, 8st. Morrell 2 Mr. F. Gretton's b c Fernandez, by Sterling - Isola Bella, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb....T. Cannon 3 Sir J. D. Astley's Peter, by Hermit--Lady Masham, 5 yrs, 9st ... F. Archer O Exeter was struck out at 1.8 p.m. on the day of the race.]

> BETTING AT THE START. 75 to 40 on Peter 5 to 2 agst Madame du Marry 100 to 8 agst Fernandez 100 to 1 agst Nottingham THE RACE.

Each of the four competitors showed signs of fractiousness at the post, and some delay occurred before a start was effected, and the four went away nicely together. When they had settled down, Nottingham assumed a slight lead of Madame du Barry, who in turn was clear, as they passed the stand, of Peter, while Fernandez brought up the rear. They ran thus until turning out of the straight, when Nottingham increased his advantage to a couple of lengths, Madame du Barry going on twice as far in front of the favorite, who in turn was separated by a clear gap of four lengths from Fernandez, who was labouring on behind. As they came to the Craven starting post Fernandez dropped still further astern, his chance thus early being effectually disposed of. Before reaching the mile post Peter stuck his toes in the ground, and, indulging his old propensity of kicking, was not further persevered with. By this time Fernandez was hopelessly disposed of, and the issue had become reduced to a match between Nottingham and Madame du Barry, of whom the latter took up the running before entering the straight, and with Nottingham eased in the pursuit from the distance, Madame du Barry drew right away and won by twenty lengths. Fernandez was beaten off. Time by Benson's chronograph, 5 min. Value of the stakes

The following sharp passage of arms on the subject of Ayoub Khan's defeat of the Ameer of Cabul, took place in the House of Commons on July 28th:-

Sir S. Northcote-I rise for the purlose of asking her Majesty's Government whether any information has been received with respect to a report stating that there has been a battle in Afghanistan, and that the forces of Abdur Rahman have been defeated by Ayoub Khan.

Mr. GLADSTONE-Yes, that is a fact. We have received a telegram this afternoon, dated Simla, July 28, to the following effect : " (Telegram from Viceroy, July 28).-Clear the line. Telegram just re-

ceived from Chaman cays that, in action fought yesterday morning at Karez-i-Atta, Ameer's forces were totally defeated, eighteen guns taken and all baggage. The Kelat regiment and Kandahar horse went over to Ayub. Gholam Haider has fled towards Kabul. Sidar Shamsuddin. still in Kandahar with 400 men of Kabuli regiments and some police." It is an important engagement so far as the Candahar country is concorned. I will only add that the Anglo-Indian force in the neighbourhood of the country is considerable.

Mr. Cowen-I wish to ask whether Ayoub Khan is in possession of Candahar? Mr. GLADSTONE -No. sir. The words I read were that "Sirdar Shamsuddin is still in Candahar with 400 men and some police."-(Laughter.) That is evidently the force of Abdur Rahman.

Mr. Onslow-In what neighbourhood is the Anglo-Indian force? What Anglo-Indian force is in the neighbourhood of Canhahar? We understood that it had been withdrawn.--(Opposition cheers.) I know a little about this subject, and it appears this action has been fought, on the west side of the Helmund. What Anglo-Indian force is there in that neighbourhood?—(Opposition cheers.)

Mr. GLADSTONE -I was not speaking of the Helmund, but of the Candahar country.—(Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. Onslow-What forces are in the Candahar country at the present time?-(Conservative cheers.)

Mr. GLADSTONE -None whatever. never stated there were any .- (Ministerial cheers.)

In the House of Commons, on the 28th July, Mr. O'Shea asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether, since the accession of the Sagasta Cabinet to power in Spain, any fresh representations had been made by her Majesty's Government as to the system under which enormous fines were imposed by the local Custom-houses in cases of errors, however trivial, in ships' papers; and if so, with what result.--Sir C. Dilke.—On the 24th February last Mr. West enclosed copy of a note from the new Minister of State, stating that the representation which her Majesty's Minister had made to the late Spanish Government on the subject had been referred to the proper department, and the tone of that note was such as to lead to the hope that some satisfactory arrangement might ultimately be come to. In several recent cases, fines imposed by the local authorities have been remitted by the Spanish Government. This subject will be dealt with in the course of any commercial negotiation between Great Britain and Spain.

HAIPHONG.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

August 31st.

The Rice season opened on the 25th instant, but owing to high prices very little business has been done yet. Rice is, comparatively speaking, scarce, on account of the large quantities that have been and are still leaving in junks.

The Kungchi obtained 15 cents per picul; since then freights have fallen to 12 cents, with a further downward tendency owing to excess of shipping in port and still due.

M. d'Arfesille, our popular Consul, has left us for a well earned holiday. having been promoted to the rank of Capitaine de frigate (equivalent to our Commander R.N.). M. de Champeaux has taken over the duties; it is hoped that his well known energy may enable him to obtain some further concessions from those obstructionists the mandarins.

The arrival of the Hanoi to trade on this river has supplied a long felt want, and as she was built to the order of men who have a practical knowledge of the wants of the trade, she has proved a great success. She is 120 feet long and 17 feet beam, and only draws 5 feet with 3,000 piouls on board. She is a very handsome little vessel, and on the trial trip, for which the enterprising owners issued several invitations, steamed 12.7. An elegant dinner was provided, at which success was drunk in Moët and Chandon to her popular owners. She has just left for Hanoi with about 2,500 piculs of cargo, drawing 4 feet.

We were visited on the 23rd and 24th by the tail end of a typhoon. It commenced at 8 p.m. and blew hard until 2 next day. The lowest reading of barometer was 29.50, wind N.W. to S.W., so that the centre must have passed to the Eastward of us. Beyond the unroofing of some mat huts, no damage was done.

CORRESPONDENCE.

opinions expressed by Correspondents].

THE "TELEGRAPH" LIBEL CASE. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"

DEAR SIR,-Your correspondent "An Admirer of Fair Play" has, in his comments on the case of Wicking v. yourself fallen into one or two mistakes in point of law which it seems to me advisable, with your permission, publicly to correct.

He gives it as his opinion that your proper course was to have pleaded that "if your article was defamatory it was "published without actual malice or gross "negligence; what you had written was "justified under the circumstances and "was substantially true, that you were " willing to withdraw the conspiracy in-"ferences, which were not as a matter of " fact intended as a definite charge, and that "you had paid into Court \$10 which was "enough to satisfy the plaintiff's claim." You pleaded in the action that the publication was bond fide and without malice, in the necessary defence of your own interests and in reply to attacks made on you. You pleaded also that the matter was true in substance and in fact. Your error, if any, must therefore have been in not pleading that your article was published without gross negligence, that you were willing to apologise and withdraw, and-that-you had paid damages into court. Some such plea is undoubtedly given in

it was in your case inapplicable. Lord Campbell's Act says that it shall be competent for defendant (in an action for libel) to plead that such libel was inserted without actual malice and without gross negligence, and that before action commenced or at the earliest opportunity afterwards, a full apology was inserted, and a defendant so pleading must pay money into Court with the plea in satisfaction.

the Section 2 of Lord Campbell's Act, but,

with every respect for the greater legal

knowledge of your correspondent, I think.

This plea, I humbly conceive can only be made use of by a proprietor or publisher of a paper who has little or nothing to do with the supervision of the publication. It cannot apply to the writer of an article or to a defendant who is his own editor and publisher. It must allege that there was no actual malice and no negligence, not "or " no negligence, as your correspondent puts it; and there must be a previous apology, not merely an offer to apologise, and a present payment to support it.

You cannot, I think, be properly found fault with for not setting up this defence. Your correspondent in the second place seems to be of opinion that the finding of the jury that there was no malice entitled you to a verdict, and that I ought to have claimed to have had it entered for you. He is right in saying that the charge against you was for "falsely and maliciously" publishing a defamatory libel, but he is wrong in saying that the finding of the of the jury that there was no malice was. apart from the question of privilege, or ought to have been, an acquittal. It is only where the occasion is held by the Judge, (and it is solely a question for him,) to be a privileged occasion, that the question of actual malice arises.

When a publication is of a defamatory character and found to be false and not privileged by the occasion, then the law says peremptorily that it was a malicious publication, and it will not submit the question of malice or no malice to a jury. In your case the question of malice or no malice was left to the jury not for the immediate purposes of the trial, but with a view to a possible appeal on the question

of privilege. In effect the Judge said to the jury, "I may possibly be wrong in my decision that this was not a privileged occasion. If so, the question of actual malice will become of importance and must be tried. Will you oblige the parties by expressing an opinion on it now, and so saving them further trouble and expense?"

In conclusion, I am sorry I cannot agree with your correspondent in his opinion that you could, on appeal, make out a case of privileged communication. I believe you are quite wise in declining to enter on any further legal proceedings .-- Yours, &c. JNO. J. FRANCIS.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1881.

RACING NOTES.

We hear from our Shanghai correspondent that over 100 hundred griffins have already arrived from Mongolia for the Autumn auctions. As there are 300 more expected by early steamers, low prices should be the order of the day when the griffins come under the hammer.

worked hard to overcome many strong | during the past six weeks than we ever | unjust-on the just mainly, because prejudices which existed against subs- previously experienced. It has been the unjust borrow their umbrellas.

cription race-ponies, and popular racing generally, and it is therefore exceedingly gratifying to us to find that whereas two years ago we stood almost alone, our views are now warmly endorsed by almost the entire sporting community.

we understand that an order has been sent to Shanghai to purchase the first instalment of our subscription ponies. With so many ponies in the market, it will be passing strange if we do not manage to secure one or two high class racers out of the whole mob of "Hong. kong griffins." It is currently rumoured that one or two of the subscription griffin races will be confined to local jockeys. If true, this is a step in the right direction.

We believe that H.E. the Governor intends trying conclusions with the cracks" at our next races. His Excellency hopes to be able to secure something that can gallop a bit at Tientsin during his visit to the North of China. Sportsmen of all classes will view with sincere pleasure Sir John Pope Hennessy actively participating in a pastime which his countrymen generally follow with the utmost enthusiasm.

We heard it suggested the other day that the Cup which His Majesty the King of the Sandwich Islands graciously offered as a prize for one of our races, should be given for some event solely confined to ponies owned by bona fide Hongkong residents and ridden by local "jocks." The suggestion, especially so far as the ownership is concerned, merits attention, as His Majesty evidently intended his gift to be retained in Hongkong.

It is to be hoped that the Stewards of the Race Meeting will do everything possible to make the various prizes for our next races worth winning. Last year the time-honoured custom of appealing to the community through the newspapers for presentation prizes was unwisely abandoned. We mosted the question at the time, and were assured that the Executive had so many prizes. at their disposal, that an appeal to the public was unnecessary. This might have been so, but as a matter of fact | Yangtsze Insurance Association-Tls. the Stand Plate, an important griffin race won by Robbie Burns, who beat among others Wild Race, winner of the Derby, was simply a sweepstakes of On Tai Insurance Company, Limited -\$5 each, without any addition from the Fund or from any other source. The value of the prize to the winner was exactly \$105. This was magnificence with a vengeance.

HONGKONG NEWSPAPERS.

On this subject the Shanghai Mercury

The Hongkong Telegraph, which has now been in existence about two months, has made a very promising start as far as we can judge. One of its best features is that it differs from the other two papers there, which make unceasing and bitter attacks on Sir John Pope Hennessy, the Governor | China Sugar Refining Company, Liof the Colony, for whatever his faults may be, the criticisms of the Press and | China Sugar Refining Company (Dethe Mail do not lead one to suppose that they are disposed to give him justice | Hongkong Ice Company's Shareswhatever he does. The Telegraph has been bold enough to stand up against the two old papers, and strike out a policy for itself, and in that respect it | Chinese Imperial Government Loan is entitled to credit. But the editor of the Telegraph has discovered that | Chinese Imperial Government Loan the troubles which afflict the promoter of a daily newspaper in the East are more than he expected; and he devotes a long "personal" article in replying to certain damaging reports made against his paper, and in exposing some alleged actions which were unfair and contemptible. His enemies are named-one is a Mr. Harry Vicking, who is alleged to have made himself very anxious for the welfare, of the Telegraph by advising the printers to throw up the contract they made with the editor of the Telegraph; and the editor and sub-editor of the China Mail The popularity of the Subscription | are accused of some spiteful doings in griffin-movement in Hongkong for our endeavouring to put down the Telegraph. next races, may be gathered from the The "personal" contains the following fact that 36 subscribers have already touching lamentation:—" We have placed their names on the list, and it lived in many lands, and under various is confidently expected that the number | auspices, but we have seen more of the will eventually exceed 40. We have contemptible side of human nature

said that there are many persons who are esteemed only because they are not known. Their real dispositions are masked so successfully as to be valued and admired for qualities which they never possessed. We have to our cost proved the truth of this." We should Although we have not lately received | have thought that any one who started any official intimation on the subject, a daily paper in Hongkong-and for certain anyone who did so in Shanghai-would have to be prepared to see more of the contemptible side of human nature than if he were to go round the world with a wax-work. We have had to put up with a great deal of it ourselves, but have got over it all. We hope the Telegraph will succeed in firmly establishing itself in spite of all opposition.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Saturday, September 3rd, 1881. One o'clock P.M.

Inquiries this morning after certain Shares led to a moderate business, which was mostly done at yesterday's quotations. Although the transfers were not on a large scale, a variety of securities changed hands, and Stocks on the whole may be described as quiet but firm. Several small sales of Banks were made at 112, for eash, and two or three transactions have to be recorded for the end of October at 114. In Docks perhaps more business was done than in any other security, but this was at a decline of 1 for eash, and the quotation now is 43. A few Hotel shares found buyers at the figure at which they left off yesterday, 112, and a small enquiry still exists. Sugars are also in slight demand at 150, but transactions are exceedingly limited as they are firmly held. Small sales were effected in Ice Shares at 126, and this comprised the principal business of the

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares -112 per cent. premium, ex div., Sales.

Union Insurance Society of Canton-\$1,675 per share ex dividend.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share, ex. div North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.

830 per share. Chinese Insurance Company, -\$305

per share, Buyers.

Tls. 148 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$995 per share.

China Fire Insurance Compay's Shares -\$290 per share, Sellers. Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares— 43 % promium

ex. div., Sellers... Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam boat Company's Shares - \$23 per

share premium, Sellers. China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tis. 162 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares— \$85 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares-

\$112 per share, Sales. mited—\$150 per share, Ex. Div. bentures) -3 per cent premium.

\$126 per share, Sellers. Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43\frac{1}{2} per share.

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	Credits, at 4 months' sight,	$3/9\frac{1}{4}$
	Documentary Bills, at 4	
•	months' sight,	3/98
_	On Paris,—	
	Bank Bills, on demand,	4.66
	Credits, at 4 months' sight,	1.1
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Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register, Queen's-road).

Hongkong, 2nd & 3rd September. BAROMETER-1 P.M.29.932 4 P.M.....85. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 77. 4 P.M. Do. 79. Тиевмометек-9 л.м.81. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 77. Maximum 85. Minimum (overnight) 77.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 2, Thales, British steamer, 820, T. G. Pococle, from Coast ports, General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co. Sept. 2, Chinkiang, British steamer, 799, S. M. Orr, Canton 1st Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.

Sept. 2, Arratoon Apear, British str., 1,392, R. J. McConnell, Calcutta 18th August, General. — David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

Sept. 2, Conquest, British steamer, 315, Hamlin, Haiphong 31st August, General.—Shun Hang Hong.

Sept. 2, Strathleven, British steamer, 1,588, C. W. Pearson, Singapore 27th August, General.—Russell & Co.

Sept. 3, Galley of Lorne, British str., 1,339, Branthwaite, Sydney 11th

August, Coal.—Russell & Co. Sept. 3, Bellona, German steamer, 789, L. Rickmeier, Mantong Bay, 30th

August, Salt.—Siemssen & Co. Sopt. 3, City of Tokio, American str., 5,079, J. Maury, San Francisco and Yokohama, August 6th, General.—P. M. S. N. Co.

Sept. 3, Chun-tung, Chinese gunboat, from Carton.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 2, Ancona, British steamer, for Singapore, Bombay, etc. Sept. 3, Mirzapore, British steamer, for

Shanghai, Sept. 3, Lido, British steamer, for Sin-

gapore. Sept. 3, Tagasago Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.

Sept. 3, Diomed, British steamer, for Sept. 3, Chop-sai, Chinese gunboat, for

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per German steamer Bellona, from Mantong Bay, 2 Chinese,

Per British steamer Conquest, from Haiphong, 15 Chinese. Per British steamer Strathleven,

from Singapore, 67 Chinese. Per British steamer Thales, from Coast ports, Messrs. Richardson and

Boffey, and 130 Chinese. Per British steamer, Arratoon Apcar, from Calcutta, Lieut.-Col. N.R. Burlton,

Captain Evetts, and Messrs. White and Richard, and 230 Chinese. Per American steamer City of Tokio,

from San Francisco, &c., Mr. L. L. Bush, 2 children and 2 servants, Col. Crossman, R.E., Lieut. Russell, R.E., Miss L. Cluick, Messrs. C. Trepet, J. S. Ciles, Yang Hing Ting, Sin Sat Ting, San Wan Chen, Ho Queng, 2 ladies and 3 children, and 210 Chi-

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Arratoon Apour, from Calcutta, réports moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Oity of Tokio, J. Maury, Commander, left Sau Francisco August 4th at 4.10 p.m. had light variable winds and fine weather to August 22nd, thence to Yokohama fresh S.W. and squally; arrived Aug. 25th at 4.45 p.m. sailed from Yokohama August 27th, at 3 p.m. to Aug. 30th had strong Southerly gales, with heavy squalls and high sea; thence to Hongkong light monsoon and fine weather. Arrived September 3rd at 11.45 a.m.

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per doz. pts. \$ 7.00 Chateau de Choisy por doz. qts. \$ 5.00 Bonne Cote Vieux per doz. qts. \$ 5.00 per doz. qts. \$ 5.50 Bordeaux Claret) per doz. qts. \$ 3.50 Montferant...

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F. V. Respail per doz. qts. \$14.00 "per btl. § 150 Creme de Noyau Marie Brizar per doz. qts. \$13.00per btl. \$ 1.25

Creme de Roseper btl. \$ 1.25 Cacao de Vanillaper btl. \$ 1.25 Curaçoa Marie) per doz. qts. \$22.00 Brizar) per bottle Do. Red Curaçoa Fockink (Genuine) } \$ 22.00 per dozen qts......} per btl.

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Angostara Bitters per doz. btls. \$10.00 per btl. \$ 1.00 Goudron Guyot per btl. \$ 0.70 Old Tom, Swain per doz. btls. \$ 3.75° and Boord ...

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes of reference, into five sections :- No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P. and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Government Wharf to the Wanchai Pier; and No. 5 from the Wanchai Pier to Kellett's Island.

	Vessels.	Section	Date of Arrival.	# '/F73T/11147	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
		.,	,	Steam	ers.		
	anger Head Arratoon Apcar		Aug. 23 Sept. 2	A. Roper McConnell	British British	1299 1392	D. Lapraik & Co. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
F	Bellona	2	Sept.	Rickmeier	German	789	Siemssen & Co.
_	Chinkiang Conquest			S. M. Orr Hamlin	British British	799 315	Siemssen & Co. Shun Hang Hong.
1	Panubo Pecima Piamante	4	Aug. 24	Clanchy Pertersen Cullen	British German British	1151	Yuen Fat Hong. Siemssen & Co. Russell & Co.
E	ame	3	-	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Dock Co.
6	alley of Lorne	4	Sept.	Branthwaite	British	1389	Russell & Co.
	Iailoong Iesperia			Hunter Petersen	British German	277 1136	D. Lapraik & Co. Siemssen & Co.
F	Kang-chi	3	Aug. 31	Marsden	Chinese	680	C. M. S. N. Co.
Ċ	lympia	2	Aug. 28	Wagner	German	810	Siemssen & Co.
F	eking	4	Aug. 30	Aubin	British	954	Siemssen & Co.
ς	uinta	б	Aug. 26	Thomsen	German	874	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
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Ţ	hales . J. Gervase unis	3	Aug. 18	Pocock Grainger Irvine	British British British	820 417	D. Lapraik & Co. Siemssen & Co. Jardine, Matheson & Co
Y	ee-Tay	3	July 1	Lee Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.
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		Sailing V	essels.		
Abbie Carver		13 N. P. Carver	Amr. bark 9	83 D. Lapraik & Co). <u> </u>
Alva Astoria		14 L. de Souza 6 Andersen	Port. ship 6	32 Brandao & Co. 95 Russell & Co.	
Berwickshire	5 Aug.			33 Order.	
Brema	2 Aug.	4 K. Timpe		60 Wieler & Co.	4
Bua Caao	2 Aug.	27 C. Lange	Siam. bark 3	38 Yuen Fat Hong.	43.
Carlotta	1	8 J. Trickey		74 Russell & Co.	160
Channel Queen	, .		Brit. bark 6	09 Ed. Schellhass &	k Co.
Circe Clara	1 - 1	24 Alexander 20 Cutler	Brit. schr. 1	45 J. Bradle Smith	,
Cuba		7 J. Stabell		39 Vogel & Co.	40
Dagmar		26 Paulren		20 Captain. 22 Wieler & Co.	
Daniel Barnes		22 J. G. Stover	Amer. ship 14	85 Vogel & Co.	
Don Quixote		4 J. Cluver	Ger. bark 11	68 Melchers & Co.	
Ferdinand -	$2 \Lambda ug.$	24 Westergaard	Ger. bark 4	16 Captain.	
Flora	3 July	18 Will Block	Ger. bark 9	70 Carlowitz & Co.	
Florence Night'gal	2 Aug.	28 McIntyre	Brit. bark 4	64 Arnhold, Karber	g & Co.
Freeman	5 July	11 Howes	Amr. bark 11	96 Borneo & Co.	
Hermine	3 Aug.	23 Lunngreen	Swed. bark 2	89 Meyer & Co.	
Hilda Maria Hoogly	3 Ang	Johannsen 24 W. Crost	der. park 2	76 Arnhold, Karber	g & Co.
Hotspur	3 June	24 W. Crost 12 Jack	Amr. ship 11 Brit. bark 5	22 Melchers & Co.	,
Invincible		6 J. F. Skewes		60 Vogel & Co.	
John C. Munro			Brit. bark 6	12 Arnhold, Karber	re & Co.
Kate Tatham	3 Aug.	12 G. Pilkethly	Aust. bark 2	75 Captain.	.g w 001
Kim Soon Hoat	1 Aug.	· •		08 Chinese.	*
Kjobenhavn	2 Aug.	21 Magbeby		53 Wieler & Co.	-
Leonidas			Brit. ship 13	26 Vogel & Co.	
Lochiel		24 Ewan	Br.3-m sch. 2	16 Wo Hing.	
Lota		14 Dudfield	Brit. bark 4		4
Lucy		10 Habekost	Brit. sehr. 3	19 Siemssen & Co.	
Margrethe Melusine	3 July	27 Tesscor 4 Pflieger	Ger. Dark 3	58 Wieler & Co.	
Meridian		26 Schmidt	Sm.3-m sch. 2	37 Melchers & Co.	
Myvanwy				62 Turner & Co.	14:1
New Era		•		47 Russell & Co.	
Oswald	3 Aug.		Ger. bark 4	45 Wieler & Co.	
Rachel	2 July	17 Affleck	Brit. bark 2	82 Chinese.	
Schwan	3 Aug.	* O		76 Siemssen & Co.	
Smyrniote	2 July	15 Olsen		39 Chinese.	* *
Spartan	5 Feb.	`	Amr. schr.	81 W. H. Ray.	
Star of India	2 Aug.	19 H. D. Roe	Brit. bark 10	40 Adamson Bell &	Co.
Sumatra	2 Aug.	28 H. Tube		40 Russell & Co.	
Tartar	4 Aug.		Ger. brig 2	56 Melchers & Co.	, ·
The Tweed	5 Aug.	8 J. M. Whyte	Brit. bark 17	45 Arnhold, Karbei	rg & Co.
Velox	2 Sept.	1 Williams 26 Dibbern	Con color 1	40 Ed. Schellhass &	c Co.
Wagrien Varra		23 Schutt		79 Captain.	
Yarra	3 Aug.	WA DOTTOOD	DITE. Dark 4	63 Captain.	

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THE

Mongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1881.

THE China Mail, writing on the recent departure of the Oceanic, commences with a wail about the "difficulty of obtaining information from Departments," &c. It ought not to be a matter for surprise that no inapplication of the evening print to from my friends," and the Mail, preat the Harbour Office, says with sweet resignation:—"Under present conditions, however, such guarded conduct on the part of a Government officer is not to be wondered at." After commenting at considerable length on the case of the Oceanic, the Mail winds up with the observation that "it will be the fairest course to all parties to reserve combe an insufficiently explained detention of a regular line steamer." The remarks of the Mail on this Oceanic business show one of two thingseither the writer is steeped in ignordiscredit upon the Government of this Colony by attributing the detention of this steamer to the action of officials. As facts which are incontrovertible will upset all the "supreferred to, we will give a few.

It is rather more than two months ago that a Chinaman appeared in Hongkong, and he immediately set about the business which had brought him to the spot. This man, who has resided on the Pacific Coast for many years, is known in San Francisco as On Shing, and in Hongkong as Lau Aluk. From the time of his landing here, Lau Aluk has been busy in beating up coolies, and he announced shortly after he came that a European would arrive in Hongkong and make the final arrangements for sending the coolies away. The Mail says "no contract whatever had been entered into." This is absolutely false. Lau Aluk and the man trappers who assisted him managed to get 700 men to sign contracts; the contracts were printed in English on

one side and written in Chinese on the other; and the men were particularly impressed with the necessity of keeping the thing quiet, and in order to further this end they were lodged in small groups all over the Colony, some living so far out in the suburbs as the Sowkewan-road. The contract bore the name of Koopmanschap, who will be the European alluded to by Lau Aluk on his arrival here, and the terms of it are not altogether calculated to make even a coolie's fortune. The men were to agree to go to San Francisco, and from thence to "a certain place" (no name mentioned), to work 26 days a month for \$30; they were to find their own food, houses, clothing, in fact everything; no mention is made of medical attendance or hospital accommodation, and when it is remembered that a certain railway cost as many lives to make as sleepers were laid down on it on account of the pestiferous nature of the climate, it must be conceded that these coolies are entitled to some consideration in the matter of medical attendance, when it is pretty well known they were going to work | in a place where they would die by hundreds. Their destination in fact leaked out, and the consequence was that of 700 who signed the contract only 407 were really taken out of the port. The method of shipping these "free" emigrants was to give each coolie \$2 when he signed, and \$5 when he got on board, which, with his passage-money was to be deducted at the rate of \$5 a month after he commenced work; coolie catchers, who could bring men willing to sign, | got \$8 per man; and of the large number who ran away who received \$2 each, no doubt may cost \$8 more, which in the total must have brought the sum dropped by the enterprising Koopmanschap to a considerable item. As to the detention, it was due entirely to the coolie shippers. It was arranged that the men should formation was forthcoming on the wharves between Whitfeild Station and the Gas Works, in small batches one department, the head of which of six or eight as they happened to had so recently to cry-"Save me | be lodged, so as not to attract attention, and it looks very much like tending to ignore the rebuff received | trying to get these men out of the harbour without any examination at all; be that as it may, the detention had nothing whatever to do with the Government, as it was caused by circumstances in which they had no participation.

The Mail says "\$30 a month were awaiting them" (the coolies), but there was nothing to guarantee the men 30 cash; and information ment upon what at present seems to was sent from San Francisco to the sea, effect that these "passengers," would | highest praises divine inspiration can find on their arrival at "a certain place" that they had been brought there on a "chii chi" pidgin. We have heard of these poor wretches ance touching the matter in question in times gone by cutting their or it is one more example that the | throats with broken bottles, throwevening paper sticks at nothing in | ing themselves from high places, | the shape of misrepresentation and and putting an end to their miserfalsehood to attempt to throw able lives in many ways, but if one the Hongkong Government in refusing to recognise as bonû fide free emigration the system now referred positions" set forth in the paragraph to, which is but a modified type of the coolie traffic of years ago.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We learn that the Hongkong Humane Society will meet for practice to-morrow, Tuesday.

The German schooner Wagrien was hauled up on the Patent Slip at Belcher's Bay this forenoon.

Saturday's Gazette announces the recognition by the Governor of Dr. O. F. von Möllenderff as Vice-Consul for Germany at Hongkong.

Captain Field, which arrived here this remnants of a different age to that we morning from Hiogo reports: -Had a | now live in, which still east a gloomy severe typhoon on the 24th ultimo. shadow over the blue waters of the On the 26th, 27th and 28th ult. expe- loveliest spot in the East from the far | a dangerous and exceedingly arduous rienced strong gales from S.W., lasting | Ind to the shores of the distant Yellow 48 hours, since then fine weather to

We are informed by the agents, Mossrs. Jardino, Matheson & Co., that the steamship Glenfruin left Singapore for this port on Friday, the 2nd inst.

It is notified in the Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Edmundo Arthur Carvalho to be a temporary clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

The inauguration of a new club called the Wanchai Club took place on Saturday last by a ball. The dancing commenced at 9.30 and was kept up till a very late hour by a large company numbering nearly 200.

A party of Police, in charge of Inspector Matheson, made a raid upon a gambling-house on Saturday, and captured 24 Chinese, mostly domestic servants in the employ of Europeans. They were brought before the Magistrate the same day and remanded.

Some of the coolies who were to have departed by the Oceanic left it rather late before they made up their minds to remain behind, as it was only a few minutes before the vessel was east off from the buoy that they put off their intended journey by jumping overboard.

The British ship Geraldine Paget, Captain Wilkinson, arrived here this morning from Newcastle, N.S.W., and reports:-Left Sydney on the 20th June. Met a typhoon on the 18th August, in lat. 11.42 N. and long. 131.49 E.; the wind commencing at North and veering round to the westward and finishing up at the South. On the 20th in lat. 21.8 N. and long. 119.42 E., experienced heavy S.W. gale with a very high cross sea; thence had very light winds and unsteady weather with much rain throughout. On the 28th July, passed the bark Cutty Sark in lat. 8.46 N. and long. 160.13 E. from Sydney to Shanghai.

Latest advices from the Coast Ports describe trade as having been rather dull for several weeks past, but now on the eve of a revival. Swatow is gradually returning to its normal condition; and on one day last week there were no less than ten steamers in the go off to the ship from all the various | port at once. At the time of the stoppage of business at this port, the godowns were full of merchandise of every description, and the action of the Guild had the effect of largely reducing, although not quite exhausting, the stock. That trade will now receive an impetus is certain, as large orders have been received from the Coast, which will result in heavy shipments from this port for some time to come.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Saturday Evening.

"Gem of the orient earth and deep Macau," thou art worthy of the give thee. True thou hast fallen from thy high estate, and sunk lower and lower in public estimation, until thy wretchedness and misery have become a byeword to the scornful tongues of other nationalities; but thy beauty still remains, and a bright future might yet be before the fairest gem of the Portuguese crown if the projudices and bigotry of that "old, old faith" which thing is calculated to lessen this evil has done so much good, and worked more than another it is the action of such irretrievable harm to the advancement of nations, could only be abolished in favour of a free and enlightened policy suited to the age we live in. To the student, acquainted with the mighty past, when Portugal's greatness was the theme of every nation's praise or envy, Macau's degradation is an ocean of bittorness. Gaze on her palaces, homes of the adventurous spirits which made the Lusitanian name feared and honoured, and which still live in the dire vista of an almost forgotten past; wander aimlessly through the magnificent churches, monuments of the enterprise of the Jesuit Fathers, rightly named the pioneers of science from the days of Ignatius Loyala up to the present time, erected in honour of the loyal faith of their native land; meditate on the uncertainty of human The American ship Mary L. Stone, fate in the towers and fortresses, Sea; dream of the almost forgotten

glories of a nation's grandeur in the

secluded gardens where Camoons, Portugal's greatest poet, worthy brother of Shakespeare and Dante, composed the magnificent Lusiad.

Like Rome, erstwhile mistress of the world, the might and power of the Portugueso nation have departed, never to return. The commercial age we live in has never suited the romantic notions of this most ancient and chivalric race. The old English adage about suiting one's self to circumstances is a doctrine altogether unknown to Lusitanian ideas. The impracticability of any nation being able to exist on the glories of the past, rather than on the exertions and struggles of the present, has never presented itself in its proper light to our Portuguese brethren, and we see the result in the docay and ruin which surrounds us in this miniature Babylon of the middle

has been en fete. Not in honour of Portugal's patron saint, not in honour of her gifted son Camoens, not in honour of any Lusitanian celebrity of the golden past. Macao has put on holiday attire to do honour to the Chinese god Hong Kung, and the masquers and mummers are without an exception true sons of Han. The descendants of the ancient warriors from the banks of the classic Tagus remain quiescent in their poverty and pride, and contentedly allow the Chinese to enjoy themselves in the magnificence of the pomp and pageantry of sup. erstitious bigotry, as they have already outdone them in the more practical development of commercial enterprise. We may despise the Chinese for their strange superstitious adherence to and ignorant idolatry of ancient follies; but in spite of our antipathies we must give them credit for their perseverance, their generosity, and the indomitable energy they invariably display in every act of life, from a rebellion against the Emperor, to the more ignoble, and decided malodorous operation of "chin-

chining" their ancestor's bones. The late Mr. Hong Kung was a warrior god of some renown. He was a pirate, but according to the ancient precepts of Chinese morality, pirates were very worthy and highly respected members of society. Mr. Hong Kung's virtues were of the notorious William Brennan order, that is to say, he robbed the rich for the sole purpose of assisting the poor, and like the late lamented Brennan, the warrior god at last fell into the hands of the authorities, but more fortunate than the Irish highwayman, he managed to escape, by the assistance of a duck's head, in some mysterious way which we are unable to understand, but which has since kept that useful and nutritious bird sacred from the sumptuous menu of all Chinese feasts during the Hong Kung festival.

The effect and influence which this festival has upon the minds of the Chinese will be best gathered from the following brief account of what has actually taken place in Macau during the past few days. Our information derived from anthentic sources, and the result, wherever practicable, of personal observation may be relied on. At the present time the number of strange Chinese in Macao is computed by the authorities to exceed fifty thousand. The amount subscribed by the various guilds, and the Chinese community at large for the decorations and other purposes of the festival, is said to have reached over forty thousand dollars. The decorations are, as usual, on the most magnificent (Chinese) scale. converted into a huge bazaar. The whole length of the thoroughfare has been roofed in with matting, hung with chandeliers, and lanterns of every conceivable shape and hue, and decorated with cabinets of wax or wooden figures representing various episodes in the life of the warrior-god, so complete in every respect, that Madaine Tussaud would die with envy could the venerable Frenchwomen be conveniently transported from bustling Baker Street to the classic groves of Macao. At night when the whole of this arcade is it up with thousands of brilliant lamps, the perspective is really splendid, although the narrowness of the street and the immense concourse of people render locomotion and sight seeing pastime. The procession of course is the grand event, and grand enough it certainly is if magnitude and gorgeous

surroundings may be accepted as evidences of grandeur. Chinese processions, like Chinese decorations, are absolutely sickening in their sameness. Shakespeare said of Egypt's queen, the magnificent Cleopatra, "Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale. Her infinite variety; other women cloy the appetites they feed, but she makes hungry where most she satisfies."

As the grand procession of Chinese in honor of HongKung is arranged by the various guilds, it would be impossible to compute the number of persons who took an active part, as each guild is responsible for its own arrangements. The guild system of the Chinese resembles in many respects the Liverymen of the City of London, and the old trading companies of Edinbero, although a poverty of idea is painfully conspicuous in everything connected with decorative art, which is widely Lately the gem of the orient earth different from processions at home. The whole of the separate guilds were represented with the same kind of carved figures, the same gaudily dressed men and children, the same horrid tom-toms and screeching music, the same wretched ponies, footsore or lame in almost every instance; in fact, a procession which took two mortal hours to pass one given spot, and which filled the streets of the ancient city from early morn till dewy eve, was, after the first five minutes, a long continued, sickening repetition. The most enjoyable feature apparently to the thousands upon thousands of onlookers who crowded the line of march was a huge dragon, over fifty yards in length we should imagine, which, manipulated by about sixty men, went through a series of ludierous antics, much to the amusement of the coolie class, who hardly knew whether to laugh or run away. The carving on some of the ornamental boards was very fine, but it looked frightful to see one side of the board a mass of curriously carved ivory figures, and the other a rough piece of China pine, without even a coat of paint. The dresses were new and generally magnificent, but a mandarin with a splendidly embroidered silk coat, and the tattered nether garments of a chair coolie was too frightful to contemplate. Outside all was intended to be glaring and effective, but want of a very small amount of care greatly detracted from the general tout ensemble. The various flags or banners were exceedingly pretty, and very conspicuous for the artistic embroidery work. Hong Kung has been greatly honoured; his countrymen have been most enthusiastic, most liberal, and decidedly enterprising in their efforts to keep his name green with the rising generation, and to perpetrate his fame with becoming éclát. Good has certainly come out of their efforts, as the exodus of countless thousands from the many Chinese cities in the vicinity to take part in the ceremony must of necessity have benefited Macao from a commercial point of view, and given an impetus to trade which she badly needed. The decorations in the bazaar by gas light were most effective, but the grand procession, unique in its proportions, may be correctly described as six miles of tawdry tomfoolery.

We learn that at 8.45 p.m. this evening the Hung Hang Fantan House, in the Rua do Jogo was the scene of confusion and alarm. It appears that while some 260 persons were engaged at the game of fours a bomb containing about 2lbs, of gunpowder was thrown by some one unknown on the counter. It is believed at Macao that this was a That part of Macao known to Euro- signal for a general attack; and during peans as the Fan-tan street, has been | the din of confusion the gamblers appropriated each others stakes; meanwhile the watchman at the door raised the alarm and-the police soon responded, and in a twinkling of the eye some 20 policemen appeared on the spot, and were followed shortly afterwards by H. E. the Governor, the Procurador, the Commandant of the Police Force; and other officials. The doors were immediately barred by the police and the fortune seekers were without exception searched. On the persons of two of these a quantity of cartridges, which had the appearance of revolver cartridges, were found, and they have been taken into custody. We also heard of two celestials who met their deaths at the hands a police constable, the particulars of which are as follow: -At a mat shed theatre, it is stated, the actors committed some blunder, when a crowd armed with stones commenced pelting them, when the police enter-